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1. The total strength of the Malayan Races Liberation Army (MRLA)\* has remained almost constant for the last twelve months. The present total of MRLA guerrillas is between 3,400 and 3,700.
2. The total number of guerrillas in the Betong Salient on the Malaya - Thai border is approximately 450.\*\*
3. It has been estimated that a maximum of 25 percent of the directives issued by headquarters of the Malayan Communist Party (MCP) actually are carried out by the MCP. This is caused by a lack of adequate communications and by the fact that the MCP headquarters is unable to exercise effective supervision of the lower level organization.
4. The MCP Central Executive Committee probably has had only two full meetings since the beginning of the Emergency in 1948. There have been no indications that any of the top MCP leaders are not completely underground. Investigations are continuing in an effort to discover if persons not previously connected with the MCP or with MCP leadership are actually directing its activities.
5. There are 150 Communist guerrillas in the State of Trengganu. This total is divided into three groups, the first of which is an armed unit of 65 men. The second group includes 50 men working as cultivators in three main areas where food is raised. These cultivation areas have been identified by the Security Forces. The third group of 35 men is composed of political organizers for a region which comprises the five rural areas into which the State is divided.
6. Kuala Dungun, which is on the coast, is a more important headquarters in the State organization. Recruiting of active guerrillas beyond the present total of 150 has been prevented by the lack of food in Trengganu.\*\*\*
7. A six months' plan prepared by the Pahang Regional Committee of the MCP for the period 1 July 1950 to 31 December 1950 has four main objectives.
  - (1) To increase work among the people. These efforts should extend to laborers on European owned estates. The work is to be conducted principally by the Min Yuen organization.

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- (2) To improve party morale and to recruit 38 new members for the MCP. Indoctrination will cover four stages, and individuals will progress from membership in the Organized Masses to the Sympathizer groups to Candidate status, and finally to full membership. Candidates must serve a three month probationary period during which they must participate in five sabotage raids.
- (3) To improve the discipline and efficiency of the Defense Corps. The Defense Corps is not an MRLA component, but is a nearly parallel organization which fulfills the same function. Units must perform five operations per month, of which two must be on a major scale.
- (4) To raise subscription money by more forceful means, and to encourage the people to grow more food and to donate textiles to the MCP cause. It was suggested that kidnappings be carried out and the victims held for ransom. Special attention is to be given to propaganda efforts directed at the Malays, Indians, Sakai, and the Security Forces.

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\* [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] reported that the MRLA has gone into hiding, particularly in the areas now being subjected to the Briggs Plan operation, and that some MRLA units have completely disappeared and others have been broken up and attached to the Min Yuen.

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\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. This figure and those quoted in the preceeding paragraph are the result of an exhaustive study based on all available information.

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\*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. The lack of food in Trengganu is doubly significant, since the possibility of a large concentration of guerrillas there is thus unlikely.

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